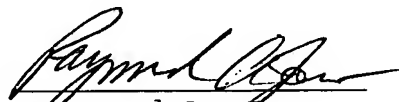


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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

This is an Amendment and Response to Office Action in response to the Office Action, mailed September 8, 2005, wherein the Examiner rejected Claims 1-15 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting over Claims 1, 2, 6, 7, 10, and 11 of co-pending Application No. U.S. 2003/0193404 A1, and further wherein the Examiner rejected

Claims 16-20 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over Claims 1, 2, 6, 7, 10, and 11 of co-pending Application No. U.S. 2003/0193404 A1 in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,542,076.

A Petition For Extension of Time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a) for a One-Month Extension of Time is submitted herewith. A Credit Card Payment Form for \$60.00 for the fee for the Petition for a One-Month Extension of Time, is submitted herewith. A Fee Transmittal Sheet (in duplicate) for the fee for the Petition for a One-Month Extension of Time is also submitted herewith. Applicant respectfully requests a One-Month Extension of Time to respond to the Office Action, mailed September 8, 2005.

Based on the following Amendments and Remarks, the application is deemed to be in condition for allowance and action to that end is respectfully requested.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows: